

LITERARY NOTES.

Mrs. Southworth's novels show no disposition to give way to the rush of new fiction. T. B. Peterson & Brothers have just issued a new and complete edition of her works in forty-two volumes.

The Rev. Cunningham Geikie, author of "The Life and Words of Christ," is preparing a new work to be called "Hours with the Bible" (James R. Osgood & Co.). It contains about 150 lines, and is illustrated by six wood engravings.

The "Buddhist Birth Stories," or Jatapa Tales, are the oldest collection of full form existence. They are supposed to have been told by Gautama, the Buddha, as narrative of events in his previous births. The book which Houghton, Mifflin & Co. have published is a translation by Mr. Eliza Davis of the collection edited by Professor Faedus and taken from the original Pali.

The announcement has been made both in this country and in England that Colonel John Hay's "Life of Lincoln" will not be published during the holidays. The public wish must have been father to the rumor, because when the busy Assistant Secretary of State was asked recently if the time had been given, he replied with peremptory vagueness. "No, not by six months"—or a year of two.

The recollections of life in the Sandwich Islands of the late Mrs. G. P. Judd are being published by A. D. F. Randolph & Co., and will bear the title "Honolulu." The author's husband was for many years the most trusted adviser of the native chiefs, and the wife, therefore, opportunities for knowing the secret political history of the island kingdom. A good collection of sketches of the political, social, and religious life of the Islands from 1825 to 1861, to which is added a notice of events since the latter date.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE ON HIS FATHER'S MANNERS.

From The Athenaeum.

It may interest some of your readers to know that there is no strain in the anecdotes about Nathaniel Hawthorne in your "Literary gossip" last week. An anecdote, however, though untrue in itself, may sometimes be so characteristic as to justify its invention. Has not been the case with this present one. I am glad to say that you will find this note, though it is not quite so accurate as the one you will find in the notes of the editor, quite consistent with any possibility of truth.

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